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	SRPP-00	EB-00	OIGO-00	VC-00	TEDE-00	INR-00	IO-00
	JUSE-00	L-00	VCE-00	AC-01	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OIC-02
	OMB-01	DHS-00	OPIC-01	OPR-01	PA-00	PM-00	PRS-00
	ACE-00	P-00	SP-00	SS-00	STR-00	TRSE-00	T-00
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 CDR7THSFGA FT BRAGG NC//AOSO-SFB-SC//
 SECDEF WASHDC//DASD-CN //
 SECSTATE WASHDC 7664
 USSOCOM WO WASHINGTON DC
 INFO JCS WASHDC//J3-SOD//
 USCINCSOC MACDILL AFB FL//SOJ3-OS/SOJ3-00D//
 CDRUSASOC FT BRAGG NC//AOOP//
 CDRUSASFC FT BRAGG NC//AOSO-GCO-C//

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SUBJECT: IMPACT FROM LACK OF FUNDS ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY STRATEGY (ISS) PROGRAM

REF: MSG/AMEMBASSY BOGOTA/112201Z JUNE 03 SUBJ
INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY STRATEGY CONFERENCE
(ISS) WRAP-UP

1. (U) SUMMARY: THE DELAY IN RELEASING FUNDS FOR THE ISS PROGRAM WILL HAVE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON THE SCHEDULED TRAINING FOR 4TH QUARTER FY03 AND A LONG TERM IMPACT ON THE OTHER COLOMBIAN UNITS SCHEDULED FOR TRAINING UNTIL THE END OF FY04. ADDITIONALLY, THE INABILITY TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT WILL FURTHER DELAY ITS ARRIVAL. THIS WILL FURTHER COMPOUND THE EXISTING CHALLENGE OF TRAINING THE UNITS ON THE NEW EQUIPMENT AS IT ARRIVES. AS IMPORTANTLY, THE LACK OF FUNDS WILL FURTHER PUSH BACK THE ARRIVAL OF THE HELICOPTER PACKAGE, ALREADY NOT EXPECTED TO ENTER COLOMBIA UNTIL MAY 2004. REQUEST IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE IN MAKING AVAILABLE THE \$22M, FROM THE TOTAL \$93M FY03 DOS/INL FUNDS PROGRAMMED FOR THE ISS MISSION, IN SUPPORT OF THE 18TH BRIGADE. //END SUMMARY.

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A. (U) THE MILGP HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT CURRENTLY ONLY 21 USSF TRAINERS WILL DEPLOY TO ARAUCA/SARAVENA, UNTIL FURTHER FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE. THIS REDUCTION IN USSF TRAINERS WILL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE OUR CAPACITY TO TRAIN TWO COMPANIES OF THE 18TH BRIGADE IN THE 4TH QUARTER AND ESSENTIALLY ELIMINATE THE GOAL OF HAVING THESE TWO COMPANIES ABLE TO EXECUTE COMPANY-SIZED OPERATIONS BY THE END OF THIS QUARTER. USMILGP PLANNED ON TRAINING TWO COMPANIES FROM THE 49TH COUNTERGUERRILLA BATTALION AND THE 5TH MOBILE BRIGADE DURING THE 4TH QUARTER FY03. THIS WOULD REQUIRE AN ODB AND FOUR ODAS (APPROXIMATELY 60 USSF TRAINERS) TO ENSURE THE UNITS ARE SUFFICIENTLY PREPARED FOR THE EXPECTED OPTEMPO INCREASE IN THE ARAUCA DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE LACK OF AVAILABLE FUNDS, WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY SOCSOUTH/7TH SFGA THEY COULD ONLY DEPLOY 21 USSF TRAINERS (AN ODB AND ONE ODA). THIS ALLOWS US TO MAINTAIN A PRESENCE IN ARAUCA AND SARAVENA AND CONDUCT MINIMAL TRAINING. THE USSF TRAINERS WILL FOCUS THEIR EFFORTS ON PLANNING ASSISTANCE AND HELPING THE 18TH BRIGADE TO OPERATIONALIZE THEIR INTELLIGENCE. IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY WE WILL BE FORCED TO REDUCE OUR PRESENCE EVEN LOWER, ELIMINATING ALL TRAINING, IF FUNDING IS NOT AVAILABLE BY THE END OF JULY 2003. THE COLOMBIAN MOD AND MILITARY, AS WELL AS THE 18TH BRIGADE COMMANDER, ARE AWARE OF THE DELAY IN TRAINING.

B. (U) AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ISS CONFERENCE IN MAY 2003, THE COLOMBIAN ARMY AGREED TO A PLAN THAT WOULD TRAIN BATTALIONS FROM THE 18TH BRIGADE AND THE 5TH MOBILE BRIGADE UNTIL THE END OF FY04. THESE U.S. TRAINED COLOMBIAN UNITS ARE THE POINT OF THE SPEAR EXPECTED TO DEFEAT THE NARCO-TERRORIST GROUPS OPERATING IN ARAUCA, RESTORE THE RULE OF LAW, AND INSTILL CONFIDENCE IN THE ARAUCA AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS --- A KEY COMPONENT OF PRESIDENT URIBE'S &ZONE OF REHABILITATION.8 THE U.S. TRAINED AND EQUIPPED FORCE (ALONG WITH A VITAL HELICOPTER PACKAGE AND FULLY DEVELOPED INTELLIGENCE AND IO PROGRAMS) IS THE ENDSTATE OF THE ISS PROGRAM. IF THE FUNDING ISSUE IS NOT RESOLVED QUICKLY, THIS WILL HAVE A RIPPLE EFFECT ON THE TRAINING TIMELINE, POSSIBLY ELIMINATING THE LAST SCHEDULED UNITS FROM THE TRAINING PLAN.

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6. (U) REQUEST: THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE \$22 MILLION FOR THE GROUND UNITS WOULD ALLOW THE TRAINING TO CONTINUE AS PROGRAMMED AND PROVIDE ASSURANCE TO OUR COLOMBIAN COUNTERPARTS THAT THE U.S. IS COMMITTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROJECT. THE EARLIER DOD RECEIVES THESE FUNDS THE HIGHER PROBABILITY THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE ALL OF OUR STATED OBJECTIVES FOR TRAINING, EQUIPMENT, AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE SUPPORT.

7. (U) YOUR PRIMARY POC AND SPONSOR IS [REDACTED]

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